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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No: 11675106

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

John H. Givens

Serial No.

08/801,812

Filed:

February 14, 1997

For:

UTILIZATION OF ENERGY ABSORBING
LAYER TO IMPROVE METAL FLOW
AND FILL IN A NOVEL INTERCONNECT
STRUCTURE

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AMENDMENT "D" AND RESPONSE

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2001 (the "Office Action"), Applicant submits this Amendment "D" and Response with the accompanying Continued Prosecution Application (CPA).

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated in the clean version of the pending claims and in the marked-up version of the claims provided below.

Clean Version of the Pending Claims Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3):

Claims 1-28 and 36-63, now pending, are submitted below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), which presents a clean version of the entire set of pending claims in this single amendment paper.